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1. GARIN TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT MORNING JULY 25 FROM FLORIDA TO SAY THAT EGYPTIANS HAVE NOT RPT NOT RESPONDED TO TELEGRAM FROM WESTINGHOUSE. GARIN NEEDS EGYPTIAN RESPONSE BY FRIDAY, JULY 26 AT THE LATEST, SINCE PERSONS WITH WHOM HE MUST PLACE ORDERS WILL BE GOING ON THREE-WEEK VACATION AFTER THAT DATE. WHILE GARIN HAS HOSNI'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IN CAIRO AND INVITATION TO CALL AT ANY TIME, GARIN HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THROUGH.

2. GARIN'S EFFORTS TO ENLIST HELP OF AMB. GHORBAL AND EGYPTIAN EMBASSY FOR CONTACT WITH HOSNI WERE UNSUCCESSFUL. INDEED, GARIN IS SOMEWHAT BITTER BECAUSE NEITHER GHORBAL NOR AN EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OFFICER WOULD TALK WITH HIM. INSTEAD, GARIN WAS OBLIGED TO SPEAK WITH MRS. HAKKI, AN EGYPTIAN EMBASSY STAFF MEMBER WHO, WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOOKING AFTER WAFAL-AMAL INTERESTS IN THE U.S., NEVERTHELESS WAS TOTALLY UNAWARE OF DEVELOPMENTS AND, ACCORDING TO GARIN, UNWILLING TO HELP IN CONTACTING HOSNI THROUGH EGYPTIAN EMBASSY FACILITIES.

3. WE ASSURED GARIN WE WOULD REPORT HIS COMMENTS TO U.S.
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EMBASSY IN CAIRO, BUT EMPHASIZED THE USG IS NOT A PARTY TO COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN WESTINGHOUSE, GARIN, AND EGYPTIANS. NEVERTHELESS, WE WERE CONFIDENT THAT EMBASSY CAIRO WOULD BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. WE CONFIRMED THAT COPY OF WESTINGHOUSE TELEGRAM HAD REACHED AMBASSADOR EILTS, AND THEREFORE, WE PRESUMED TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO HOSNI AND OSMAN ALSO REACHED DESTINATION. GARIN UNDERSTOOD THAT JULY 23 AND JULY 26 HOLIDAY PERIOD PROBABLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DELAY, BUT HE DISAPPOINTED AT INABILITY OF EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS IN CAIRO TO FULLY UNDERSTAND HIS NEED FOR A RESPONSE, AND ALSO SOMEWHAT OUTRAGED BY UNHELPFUL ATTITUDE OF EGYPTIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

4. WE CALLED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY MORNING OF JULY 25 TO URGE THAT HOSNI BE CONTACTED AND INFORMED OF SITUATION . PRESUME GHORBAL WILL ACT, BUT ALSO HOPE EMBASSY CAIRO CAN LEND A HAND AGAIN. INGERSOLL

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